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The Honorable Thomas S. Gates
140 Broadway
New York 15, New York

Dear Tom:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter regarding my appointment to the Directorship of the CIA.

I am indeed honored that the President has called upon me to fill this important post and will do all in my power to justify this confidence.

Your offer of assistance is deeply appreciated also, Tom. I feel I will need all the help I can get in this important new assignment. Will look forward to seeing you in the near future to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Yours sincerely,

15/ John

John A. McCone

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THOMAS S. GATES

Mr. John A. McCone
3025 Whitehaven Street
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear John:

I hasten to wish you well in your new responsibilities. I was certainly surprised. You are really a brave man and I hope you continue to have the strength to take the punishment that Washington deals out. This will be a tougher assignment than the last one but our thoughts will be with you always.

If I can ever help, let me know. Meanwhile, my best love to Rosemary and yourself.

Sincerely,

Tom